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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yamamoto *et al.*

Art Unit : Unknown

Serial No. : Unknown

Examiner : Unknown

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Title : **BIOCHIP AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

7. (Amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s] 4 [to 6] or 5, wherein the binding agent is selected [form] from the group comprising poly-1-lysine carbodiimide and silylation-coating.

8. (Amended) The method for producing a biochip according to [any one of] claim[s] 4 [to 7] or 5, wherein the probes are spotted by using a pin with a recessed tip.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to correct multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

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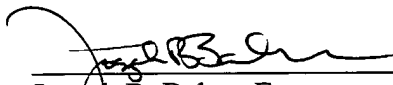
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Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested. No fee for this amendment is believed to be due. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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